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SUBJECT:NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE BY C. P. MULDER

FOLLOWING IS AN ARTICLE BY C. P. MULDER WHICH APPEARED IN  
THE NEW YORK TIMES TUESDAY, MAY 23, 1978:

PRETORIA, SOUTH AFRICA -- AS A RESPONSIBLE MEMBER OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY, SOUTH AFRICA FINDS ITSELF IN A  
UNIQUE SITUATION, DESIGNED SEPARATELY BY THE UNITED STATES  
AND THE SOVIET UNION TO YIELD A SINGLE RESULT: PROPEL  
SOUTH AFRICA, WITHIN ITS OWN INALIENABLE TERRITORY, ON A  
SELF-DESTRUCTIVE COURSE.

ON THE ONE HAND, THE SHORT-TERM OBJECTIVE OF THE JIMMY  
CARTER-ANDREW YOUNG ADMINISTRATION IS TO FORCE MAJORITY  
RULE UPON SOUTH AFRICA BY SO-CALLED PEACEFUL METHODS.  
THESE PEACEFUL METHODS INCLUDE SUCH MEASURES AS TRADE BOY-  
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COTTS, THE WITHDRAWAL OF INVESTMENTS, ARMS EMBARGOES  
(INCLUDING MILITARY HARDWARE FOR USE AGAINST EXTERNAL  
ATTACK), SEVERING ALLIANCES IN SPORTS AND A LONGLIST OF  
SIMILAR COERCIVE INSTRUMENTS. DOES THE UNITED STATES  
UTILIZE SIMILAR PEACEFUL METHODS TO WIN ITS WAY WITH  
OTHER COUNTRIES?

ON THE OTHER HAND, THE SOVIET UNION SHARES THE SAME SHORT-TERM OBJECTIVE, BUT IS EMPLOYING CUBAN PROXY FORCES WITH THE ULTIMATE AIM OF ESTABLISHING A MARXIST SYSTEM IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. IF SUCCESSFUL, ALL DEMOCRACY AND FREEDOM WILL DISAPPEAR THERE. HAS AMERICA FORGOTTEN ANGOLA?

A VERY SUPERFICIAL KNOWLEDGE OF THE COMPLEXITIES OF OUR PLURAL SOCIETY AND HISTORY AMONG CERTAIN WESTERN GOVERNMENTAL LEADERS HAS RESULTED IN THEIR GOVERNMENTS AND INSTITUTIONS BECOMING EASY TARGETS FOR A FEW SOUTH AFRICAN DETRACTORS AGAINST THEIR OWN COUNTRY. IT IS REGRETTABLE, TO SAY THE LEAST, THAT THESE GOVERNMENTS LACK THE CONCEPTUAL BASIS TO STEADILY GUIDE THEIR OWN ACTIONS AMIDST THE BARRAGE OF PROPAGANDA FROM UNSUPPORTABLE SOURCES.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, THROUGH ITS STATED FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES AND PRIORITIES, HAS, UNTHINKINGLY, DEEPLY INVOLVED ITSELF IN THE PLANS OF THOSE WHO WISH TO DESTROY SOUTH AFRICA. THE ADMINISTRATION ARGUES THAT SOUTH AFRICA IS NOT CRUCIAL TO

UNITED STATES FOREIGN POLICY. YET WE MUST CONCLUDE THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAS "INTERNATIONALIZED" SOUTH AFRICAN DOMESTIC AFFAIRS BY SELECTING IT AS HIS PERSONAL TARGET IN HIS SWEEPING COMMITMENT TO RESTORE HUMAN UNCLASSIFIED

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RIGHTS GLOBALLY.

THE PRESIDENT'S STATED AIM TO WORK FOR "MAJORITY GOVERNMENT" EVEN HAS SPECIAL "GUIDELINE PRINCIPLES" FORMULATED FOR THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA. IN THE ABSENCE OF SIMILAR "GUIDELINE PRINCIPLES" FOR OTHER COUNTRIES, WE SOUTH AFRICANS, WHEN LOOKING AT THE REST OF AFRICA, PERCEIVE A HIGH DEGREE OF UNCERTAINTY ON THE PART OF THE UNITED STATES AS IT SEARCHES FOR WHAT ITS ROLE SHOULD BE IN OTHER AREAS OF THE AFRICAN CONTINENT. THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE WHEN EVERYONE ELSE (EXCEPT FOR THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION) IS GRAVELY AWARE OF THE GRADUAL BUT STEADY MARXIST INROADS INTO AFRICA VIA CUBANIZATION.

THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER IS, THAT BY SELECTING ONLY MY COUNTRY IN ALL OF AFRICA FOR THE GREAT AMERICAN HUMAN

RIGHTS EXPERIMENT, THE ADMINISTRATION'S APPROACH TO THE QUESTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS HAS BECOME A CAUSE CELEBRE IN AN ATTEMPT TO RESHUFFLE THE PERCEPTIONS OF ITS CITIZENS.

IF THIS IS NOT THE CASE, THE ADMINISTRATION IS, AT THE

VERY LEAST, GUILTY OF DOUBLE TALK OR WORSE, PRACTICING  
SELECTIVE MORALITY.

SOUTH AFRICA HAS NO CHOICE BUT TO DETECT RACIALISTIC  
OVERTONES IN THE ADMINISTRATION'S STATEMENTS - ANTI-WHITE  
RACISM. FOR IT CERTAINLY CANNOT BE DENIED THAT IF SOUTH  
AFRICA WERE A BLACK GOVERNMENT, THE WASHINGTON RED CARPET  
WOULD HAVE BEEN ROLLED OUT LONG AGO, EVEN IF WE HAD  
COMMITTED THE ATROCITIES THE WORLD HAS WITNESSED IN THE  
COUNTRIES TO OUR NORTH.

THE FACT THAT THE ADMINISTRATION HAS CLASSIFIED SOUTH AFRICA  
AS A RIGIDLY SEPARATED RACIAL ENTITY, WHILE WARMLY WEL-  
COMING SOME OF THE WORLD'S WORST EXAMPLES OF HUMAN SLAUGHTER  
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AND DEPRIVATION OF RIGHTS, MUST BE VIEWED BY SOUTH AFRICANS  
AS A VISIBLE DEMONSTRATION OF THE ADMINISTRATION SATISFY-  
ING POLITICAL AND VOCAL SPECIAL INTERESTS.

HOWEVER, WE CANNOT ACCEPT IT AS A CRYSTALIZATION OF THE  
ATTITUDE OF AMERICA'S THINKING MAJORITY. WE REALIZE  
THAT THIS WOULD GO AGAINST THE KNOWN HISTORICAL DETERMINA-  
TION OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC TO MAKE UP ITS MIND ONLY AFTER  
LOOKING AT BOTH SIDES OF THE COIN. SO WE MUST DEPLORE  
THAT THE ADMINISTRATION IS SHOWING ONLY ONE SIDE OF THE  
COIN - THE ONLY ONE THEY WANT THE PUBLIC TO SEE.

SOUTH AFRICA ADMITS IT HAS IMPERFECT LAWS AND AN IMPERFECT  
SOCIETY. ALL COUNTRIES HAVE IMPERFECT LAWS AND THE INTER-  
NATIONAL COMMUNITY ITSELF IS AN IMPERFECT SOCIETY. YET  
THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION REFUSES US THE RIGHT TO THIS  
ADMISSION. IT CLAIMS THAT EVERY ACTION OF THE SOUTH  
AFRICAN GOVERNMENT IS A CLUMSY AND MYOPIC OVER-REACTION  
IN THOSE CASES WHERE OUR UNIQUE POLITICAL AND STRATEGIC  
SITUATION DICTATES COUNTERACTIONS TO PRESERVE LAW AND  
ORDER, AND TO CONTINUE OUR EVOLUTIONARY PROCESSES.

THERE ARE NO TEXTBOOK SOLUTIONS OR PRECEDENTS FOR THIS  
SITUATION. SO IT IS ONLY NATURAL THAT SOUTH AFRICA MUST

DESIGN ITS OWN INSTRUMENTS AND ADAPT ITS INTERNAL POLICIES  
TO DEAL REALISTICALLY WITH TODAY'S SOUTH AFRICAN REALITIES.

IS IT SHEER COINCIDENCE THAT WE ARE GUIDED IN OUR  
ACTIONS TO TWO OF THE TENETS CONTAINED IN THE MONROE  
DOCTRINE? "IT IS ONLY WHEN OUR RIGHTS ARE INVADDED OR  
SERIOUSLY MENACED THAT WE RESENT INJURIES OR MAKE PRE-  
PARATION FOR OUR DEFENSE" AND "WE SHOULD CONSIDER ANY  
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ATTEMPT... TO EXTEND THEIR SYSTEM TO ANY PORTION OF THIS  
HEMISPHERE AS DANGEROUS TO OUR PEACE AND SAFETY."

THE UNITED STATES HAS RECOGNIZED THE UNION OF SOVIET  
SOCIALIST REPUBLICS AS A MONOLITHIC STATE EVEN THOUGH IT

IS COMPOSED OF 15 DIFFERENT ETHNIC REPUBLICS. IT SHARES,  
CHEEK BY JOWL, UNITED NATIONS BENCHES WITH THE ETHNIC  
BYELORUSSIAN SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC AND THE ETHNIC  
UKRAINIAN SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC.

YET IT FROWNS UPON AND INDEED DENIES ETHNICITY IN  
SOUTH AFRICA, EVEN WHEN SOUTH AFRICA ATTEMPTS, AT ALL  
COSTS, TO AVOID ETHNIC FRICTION AND A CLASH OF DIFFERENT  
NATIONALISMS BY STRUCTURING A PLURALITY OF DEMOCRACIES  
RATHER THAN A SINGLE DEMOCRACY FOR ITS DIFFERENT  
ETHNIC GROUPS.

WE HAVE NEVER ASKED THE UNITED STATES FOR ANY AID IN ANY  
FORM WHATEVER. NOR HAVE WE ASKED THE UNITED STATES  
GOVERNMENT TO GIVE UP ON OUR BEHALF ANY BENEFITS IT MIGHT  
ENJOY FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. BUT, WHAT WE  
ARE ASKING IS A FUNDAMENTAL REQUEST. STOP INTERFERING  
IN OUR DOMESTIC AFFAIRS AND, MORE SPECIFICALLY, STOP  
MORALIZING ABOUT DEMOCRACY, MAJORITY GOVERNMENT AND HUMAN  
RIGHTS IN SOUTH AFRICA FROM SUCH UNTENABLE PLATFORMS  
AS THE BLATANTLY MILITARY DICTATORSHIP OF NIGERIA.

C. P. MULDER IS SOUTH AFRICAN MINISTER OF INFORMATION.  
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